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AMEMBASSY MADRID PLEASE PASS FAA THOMAS BELL.

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1. FOLLOWING IS A DESCRIPTION OF THE DEPARTURE PROCEDURES AT ORLY SUD AIRPORT AND THE AREA WHERE THE TERRORISTS STRUCK ON MAY 20.

A) DEPARTURE PROCEDURES -

1. PASSENGER CHECKS BAGGAGE AND TICKET AT AIRLINE COUNTER AT GROUND LEVEL AND IS ISSUED BOARDING PASS AND BAGGAGE CLAIM TICKET. EL-AL IS ONLY AIRLINE REQUIRING BAGGAGE SEARCH AT THAT POINT.

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PASSENGER PROCEEDS TO SECOND LEVEL FOR PASSPORT
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CONTROL BY POLICEMAN (POLICE DE L'AIR). NO VISITORS ALLOWED BEYOND THAT POINT.

3. PASSENGER PROCEEDS TO GATE AREA ASSIGNED TO FLIGHT AS SHOWN ON DEPARTURE INFORMATION BOARDS LOCATED AT SEVERAL POINTS ON EACH LEVEL.

4. PASSENGER GOES THRU SECURITY SEARCH PRIOR TO ENTERING WAITING AREA AT GATE POSITION.

5. PASSENGER ENTERS AIRCRAFT THRU LOADING
BRIDGES IF AIRCRAFT PARKED ALONG-SIDE TERMINAL
BUILDING OR FINGERS. IF AIRCRAFT IS PARKED AWAY FROM
TERMINAL, PASSENGERS ARE TRANSFERRED BY BUS FROM GATE
30.

B. AREA DESCRIPTION

GATE 30 LOCATED ON THE WEST END OF
ONLY SUD TERMINAL BUILDING IS DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHER
GATES IN THAT IT IS DIVIDED INTO 4 SECTIONS SEPARATED
BY 8 FOOT HIGH PARTITIONS, EACH SECTION RESERVED FOR
ONE FLIGHT. A LARGE QUEING AREA AND HALLWAY EXISTS IN
FRONT OF ENTRANCE TO ALL FOUR WAITING SECTIONS. PASS-
ENGERS ARE SCREENED AT ENTRANCE TO THEIR LOUNGE SECTION
AND EXIT BUILDING THROUGH DOOR AT OPPOSITE END OF
SECTION TO BOARD BUS PARKED ON SAME LEVEL. BUS REACHES
AIRCRAFT PARKING APRON VIA A RAMP BUT REMAINS ALL THE
TIME IN SECURED AREA.

2. ON MAY 20, PASSENGERS OF IBERIA FLIGHT 169 TO MALAGA
WERE BEING SCREENED IN ONE SECTION OF GATE 30 WHILE AT
THE SAME TIME PASSENGERS OF EL-AL FLIGHT 324 WERE IN
AN ADJACENT SECTION. APPARENTLY THE THREE TERRORISTS WERE

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WAITING IN THE QUEUE FOR THE MALAGA FLIGHT (THEY HAD TICKETS TO MALAGA WHICH ALLOWED THEM TO COME THAT FAR). THEY STARTED DRIFTING TOWARD THE EL-AL SECTION BUT THEIR SUSPICIOUS MOVE WAS SPOTTED BY EL-AL SECURITY PEOPLE WHO WERE ABLE TO SIGNAL NEARBY UNIFORMED POLICEMEN THAT WATCH SYSTEMATICALLY EACH EL-AL FLIGHT. THE TERRORISTS PULLED SUBMACHINE GUNS OUT OF THEIR CARRY-ON BAGS AND FIRED ONE ROUND, BUT EL-AL'S SECURITY AGENTS AND THE POLICE WERE ABLE TO RETURN FIRE IMMEDIATELY, THUS LIMITING THE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES AND AVOIDING ANOTHER LOD MASSACRE.

3. FRENCH PRESS REPORTS THAT CONSIDERATION IS GIVEN TO LOCATING A GENERAL SCREENING FACILITY CLOSE TO THE PASSPORT CONTROL AREA AND ELIMINATING THE EXISTING GATE SEARCH BOOTHS. THIS, IN OUR OPINION WOULD BE A STEP IN THE WRONG DIRECTION IN THAT IT WOULD ELIMINATE SCREENING CLOSE TO THE AIRCRAFT BOARDING POINT A DISTINCT ADVANTAGE IN ACCESS AREAS USED INDISCRIMIN-
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ATELY BY DEPARTING, ARRIVING AND TRANSIT PASSENGERS. THIS POINT WAS BRIEFLY DISCUSSED BY APAR-1 WITH ONE OF COMMISSAIRE ROUX'S DEPUTY - ROUX IS IN CHARGE OF SECURITY AT ORLY AIRPORT. THE FIRST POSITIVE STEP TAKEN BY FRENCH AUTHORITIES IS TO INCREASE THE POLICE FORCE BY 100 CRS POLICEMEN.

4. THOMAS BELL, CHIEF OF FAA'S FOREIGN AIR CARRIER SECURITY DIVISION IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT COMMISSAIRE ROUX ON MAY 24 AND OTHER AIRPORT SECURITY OFFICIALS IN FOLLOWING DAYS. BELL WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO GET DETAILED ACCOUNTS OF INCIDENT AND REPORT TELEGRAPHICALLY FROM THIS EMBASSY AT CONCLUSION OF HIS VISIT.
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